

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [002], [006], [010], [012]-[016], [031], [052], [056] – [058], [071], [072], AND [074] – [077] as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

Paragraph [002]

{Description of the Related Art}

A canister arranging structure is known in which a fuel tank is provided under a floor surface of an automobile with a canister being provided in a corner location of the fuel tank for example, refer to Japanese Published Patent Application JP-A-11-62726 (page 3, Fig. 1)(USP 6,105,708).

Paragraph [006]

Furthermore, an expansion chamber 106 is provided at a middle of the length of an exhaust pipe 105, and a muffler 107 is provided in the vicinity of a rear end of the exhaust pipe 105.

Paragraph [010]

With a view to attaining the object, according to a first aspect of the present invention, a vehicle ~~having~~ comprising a passenger compartment, an engine arranged at a front end thereof, ~~and~~ a fuel tank arranged under a rear seat and the passenger compartment, ~~comprising~~ a canister and an exhaust pipe receiving exhaust gas from the engine and outputting the exhaust gas, wherein the canister and the exhaust pipe are positioned in respective recessed accommodating

portions below the passenger compartment, and one of the respective recessed accommodating portions is located between the fuel tank and the engine, ~~and below the passenger compartment~~.

Paragraph [012]

Then, according to the present invention, a vehicle ~~having~~ comprises a reservoir or fuel tank at a first end thereof, an engine at a second end thereof, ~~and~~ a passenger compartment between the first end and the second end, ~~comprising~~ a canister ~~that receives~~ receiving fuel at the reservoir and supplying fuel to the engine, and an exhaust pipe receiving exhaust gas from the engine and outputting the exhaust gas to the second end of the vehicle, wherein the canister and the exhaust pipe are positioned in respective recessed accommodating portions, one of the respective recessed accommodating portions is located between the first end and the second end, and below the passenger compartment.

Paragraph [013]

The recessed accommodating portions are located beneath at least one of ~~the~~ a first seat, ~~the~~ a second seat, and a space between the first and the second seats. The first seat is a driver's seat, and the second seat is front passenger's seat.

Paragraph [014]

By this canister arranging structure, the areas which are usually left as they can be utilized effectively so as to form the recessed accommodating portions for accommodating part of the exhaust pipe and the canister. Thus, part of the exhaust pipe and the canister can be

accommodated without deteriorating the riding comfort within the passenger compartment.

Paragraph [015]

Furthermore, by accommodating the canister in the recessed accommodating portion, the necessity is obviated of forming the recessed accommodating portion for accommodating the canister ~~in~~ at a portion of the fuel tank, which is an inherent disadvantage in the related art as discussed above.

Paragraph [016]

According to a second aspect of the present invention, the expansion chamber of the exhaust pipe is arranged close to the canister by accommodating the expansion chamber and the canister in at least one of said recessed accommodating portions, so that heat from the exhaust gas in the exhaust pipe is transferred to the canister.

Paragraph [031]

In the following description, the first end is rear of the vehicle and the second end is front of the vehicle. The fuel reservoir or tank is arranged under the rear seat. The exhaust pipe constitutes an expansion chamber.

Paragraph [052]

Due to this, the configuration of the fuel tank 19 can be simplified substantially to the rectangular box shape, and a large capacity can be secured for the fuel tank 19.

Paragraph [056]

Furthermore, since the canister 104 is arranged in the vicinity of the fuel tank 102, a piping layout of pipeline connecting the canister 104 with the fuel tank 102 becomes complicated.

Paragraph [057]

In Fig. 4B, by arranging the canister 20 under the driver's seat 14 according to the present invention, the necessity is obviated of forming the recessed accommodating portion for accommodating the canister 20 in the fuel tank 19, which is inherent in the related art.

Paragraph [058]

Due to this, the configuration of the fuel tank 19 can be simplified substantially to the rectangular box shape, and a large capacity can be secured for the fuel tank 19.

Paragraph [071]

Note that while, in the first embodiment, the expansion chamber 22 is described as an example of part of the exhaust pipe 21 which is to be accommodated in the recessed accommodating portion, any other ~~locations~~ portions of the exhaust pipe can be accommodated therein.

Paragraph [072]

While there has been described in ~~connection with~~ detail the preferred embodiments of the present invention, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes and

modification may be made therein without departing from the present invention, and it is aimed, therefore, to cover in the appended claim all such changes and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the present invention.

Paragraph [074]

According to the first aspect of the present invention, the floor panel is expanded toward to the passenger compartment on the location under the driver's seat, the location under the front passenger's seat and the location between the driver's seat and the front passenger's seat, or any two locations selected from the locations, so as to make recessed accommodating portions in which accommodate the canister and part of the exhaust pipe.

Paragraph [075]

By this canister arranging structure, the areas which are usually left as they can be utilized effectively so as to form the recessed accommodating portions for accommodating part of the exhaust pipe and the canister. Thus, part of the exhaust pipe and the canister can be accommodated without deteriorating the riding comfort within the passenger compartment.

Paragraph [076]

Furthermore, by accommodating the canister in the recessed accommodating portion, the necessity is obviated of forming the recessed accommodating portion for accommodating the canister in the fuel tank, which is inherent in the related art. Due to this, the configuration of the fuel tank can be simplified, and a large capacity can be secured for the ~~fuel~~ fuel tank.

Paragraph [077]

According to the second and the third aspects of the present invention, the expansion chamber can be arranged in the vicinity of the canister by forming part of the exhaust pipe into the expansion chamber. Since the outside diameter of the outer circumference of the expansion chamber is large, a large outer circumferential area can be secured.